in the country. Governments of Serveral States/UTs including the Government of Gujarat had requested for extension of the scheme beyond 1-10-1988. However the Central Government decided not to revive the scheme mainly on account of financial constraints.

Joint Sector Companies

2856. SHRI YASWANT SINHA Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) Which are the approved joint sector companies and what are the names of their respective private promoters;

(b) what are the joint sector companies from which the State undertakings withdrew, leaving the company entirely for the private sector;

(c) What are the joint sector companies in which at least one of the private promoters is and MRTP Company and how many of such joint sector companies have been registered under the MRTP Act ;

(d) what are the joint sector companies in which foreign companies are direct/indirect share holders; and

(e) In how many cases formation of the joint sector company helped in strengthening the Market dominance of the private promoter?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) (a) to (e)

There is no provision under the Companies Act, 1956 relating to the concept of joint sector companies. Also the requisite information relating to these companies are not compiled centrally in the Ministry of Industry.

Oil Exploration Plans For Andhra Pradesh

2857. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state : (a) Whether there is any proposal under Governments consideration to intensify oil exploration in Andhra Pradesh during the Eighth Plan Period; and

(b) if so, what are the details there of ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY.: (a) and (b) Yes Sir. As per the Draft 8th Plan (1990-95), it is proposed to carry out 7,400 line Kilometers of 2D seismic surveys and 360 Sq. Kms. of 3D Seismic surveys by departmental parties. In addition, contract seismic surveys for about 2,000 line Kilometres are also planned. Exploratory drilling is expected to be of the order of 300,000 metres and about 90 wells are expected to during the VIII Plan.

अरोड़ा बंधुओं द्वारा कारों हेतु पेट्रोल के स्थान पर एल० पी० जी० के प्रयोग के सबध में क्रांतिकारी खोज

2858. श्रीमती सूर्यकांता पाटिल . क्या पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि .

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि खान मार्केट, नई दिल्ली के अरोड़ा बन्धुओं ने ऐसी तकनीक की खोज की है जिस के द्वारा मोटर कारों में पेट्रोल के स्थान पर रसोई गैस का इस्तेमाल किया जा सकेगा, जैसाकि दिल्ली से प्रकाशित 17 अगस्त, 1990 के "सान्ध्य टाइम्स" में समाचार छपा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार अरोड़ा बन्धुओं की इस क्रान्तिकारी खोज को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिये क्या कदम उठा रही है तथा क्या वह भविष्य में पेट्रोल की बजाय रसोई गैस से चलने